

for increasing army. Several national guard units have already been called out and are guarding bridges and important points of communication.

New congress is expected to organize with single idea of backing president and safeguarding American shipping. The president is already at work on his message.

National Defense Council preparing plans for supervising relations of capital and labor to government in event of war. Small profit will be allowed, but price-kiting will not be tolerated.

German reports from Russia say situation is getting beyond provisional government and point toward a nation-wide revolt by workmen.

LONDON EXPECTS GERMANY TO DECLARE WAR ON U. S.

London, March 22.—A declaration of war by Germany against America within the next few days would not surprise British officials. From various meager bits of news filtering out of Germany today, such a step was indicated. One report via Amsterdam had it that German officials had warned American newspapermen in Berlin that a state of war was expected within 48 hours.

In the viewpoint of many officials, the present week may be the turning point of the war. America has apparently definitely cast the die against Germany. The Teutonic retreat on the western front is now reaching the new "Hindenburg line." Persistent reports continue of violent rioting in Germany.

DANIELS SOUNDS CALL FOR NAVAL RECRUITS—NEED 74,500

Washington, March 22.—The navy needs 74,500 men—and needs them now.

Sec'y of the Navy Daniels sounded an unofficial call for that number today in an appeal to the press to stimulate recruiting.

One of the first requests on congress when the April 22 session be-

gins will be that 100,000 men—the navy maximum—be authorized as an increase to the navy.

Recruits are being rushed through the naval training stations post-haste for immediate duty with the fleet. The navy department announced today that it has suspended the requirements for five months' training for recruits in order to man the fleets with all possible speed.

NEUTRALS MAY TRY TO SETTLE U. S.—GERMAN TROUBLES

Washington, March 22.—That neutral nations may renew their previous offers to assist in "straightening out difficulties" between the U. S. and Germany was suggested at the state department today.

Several neutral diplomats called on Sec'y Lansing during the forenoon, but none claimed to be taking part in such a move.

When Germany and the United States broke relations a number of neutrals then offered their services to "do anything we can to prevent trouble."

This country, however, will negotiate neither with Germany, directly nor with her through neutrals, until the imperial government has withdrawn its U-boat decree and renewed its pledges to the United States.

MARYLAND TROOPS ON DUTY

Baltimore, Md., March 22.—Maryland state troops began their bit in the defense of the national capital today. Two companies assumed control of the railroad bridges over the Susquehanna river to halt any attempt to cut off communication between Washington and the seaboard.

FIVE MORE DEATHS AT GREAT LAKES NAVAL STATION

Four deaths due to pneumonia and one to spinal meningitis in the last 36 hours at the Great Lakes naval training station brought the total mortality from those causes at the station since Jan. 29 to 24. Two new